

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROTECTING AN EXPONENTIATION
CALCULATION BY MEANS OF THE CHINESE REMAINDER THEOREM (CRT)**

ABSTRACT

5 In a method for protecting an exponentiation calculation by
means of the Chinese remainder theorem, in particular the
combining step (16), wherein the Garner combination algorithm
is preferably used, is verified for its correctness prior to
10 outputting (24) the results of the combining step (18). In
doing so, the combination algorithm is verified directly prior
to outputting the result of the exponentiation calculation, so
as to eliminate the outputs of an incorrect result, for
example due to a hardware error attack, so as to ward off the
15 error attack.

Figure 1